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Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 June inviting me to speak before the Armed Forces Information Council of Greater New York.

In view of my many official commitments and heavy work schedule, I have made it a policy to try to keep my speaking engagements to a minimum, and regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. However, it was thoughtful of you to ask me to participate in one of your meetings, and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Allen W. Dulles, Esquire
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Director Dulles:

Recently there was established in the Metropolitan area the Armed Forces Information Council of Greater New York. The acceptance of same by civilian and military people of consequence, has indeed been noteworthy. As a member of this organization and as Chairman of its Program Committee, I am writing to ask if you will be gracious enough to accept the Council's invitation to speak before its members and guests at a meeting in the near future. As you may know, the purpose of the AFICGNY is to provide a medium of exchange of ideas and close cooperation between Information and Communications Personnel of the U.S.A. Military Services and Civilian Media of greater New York, which includes the headquarters of the United Nations.

Heretofore, we have been privileged to not only hear from distinguished members of the working press, but, in connection with a meeting highlighting work of Civil Defense, from New York State Lt. Governor Malcolm Wilson, and Generals Frank W. Farrell and Robert E. Condon.

At our last meeting, we had as guest speakers, Harvey G. Foster, Special Agent in charge of the FBI in the Metropolitan area and Reginald P. Townsend, Vice President of Radio Liberty, (also known as the American Committee for Liberation.)

Our meetings have been taking place at different locales in the morning in New York City each time: the Armory on Park Avenue, a theatre near Radio City, etc. These facilities have been made available to AFICGNY without charge. We could expect an audience of between 200 and 250 members and guests which will include representatives of the working press, radio, TV and newsreels, to hear your address.

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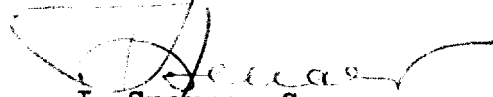
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From the personal side, I would add that your presence at one of our future meetings will help our organization immensely. We have been scheduling our meetings for the third Thursday of each month, and while this day in any of the immediate months ahead can be arranged, it occurred to me you may be good enough to consider June 29th at 11 a.m.

I want you to know, Sir, that I'm deeply appreciative for any courtesy you may extend.

With every good wish for all continued success and warm regards, I am,

Your most cordially,



J. Spencer Gray
Editor and Publisher

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